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Examiner J. Maples

FRAME AND LOADING APPARATUS FOR GROUPS OF BATTERY PLATES

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of October 3, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 27-30.

## REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restrictions applicants elect Group I, claims 16-26, drawn to the frame, without traverse.

Non-elected claims 27-30 are cancelled herewith, but may of course be made the subject of a divisional application to be filed at any time during the pendency of the present application.

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